

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend on the first page of the specification under Background Information, second paragraph as follows:

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 042278/~~1999~~ 1998 proposes an imaging unit which controls the period for control right in response to a plurality of control requests based on the occurrence of control requests. The imaging unit registers a plurality of clients which issue control right requests in a camera control queue, a type of buffer for registering information on control instruction in chronological order.